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OPP provide answers

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OPP team, led by Sgt. Steve Haennel, answers questions from Bradford West Gwillimbury Council regarding their costing proposal, in a special meeting on Thursday, March 7. It was standing room only in the BWG Council Chamber for the lengthy session.

The honeymoon appears to be over, as far as shared police services go. Bradford West Gwillimbury has decided to pursue a lone course, for a police costing.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and the Town of Innisfil currently share the South Simcoe Police Service, but in a special meeting on March 7, BWG Council voted to continue to pursue a lone costing for policing services from the Ontario Provincial Police - declining Innisfil's invitation to seek a joint costing.

Council also turned down Innisfil's request to renegotiate the cost-sharing agreement for the South Simcoe Police - taking

exception to the claim by Innisfil Chief Administrative Officer John Skrobobacz that Innisfil has been "subsidizing" policing in BWG, based on the number of calls, to the tune of \$1 million per year.

Councillor Carl Hordyk pointed out that Bradford West Gwillimbury had originally agreed for a joint OPP costing, inviting Innisfil to participate, early last year. At a meeting held in Innisfil, Councillors from both municipalities agreed to approach Barrie Police, York

Regional Police and the OPP to provide a costing. Only the OPP agreed.

Shortly after that, Innisfil did a 180 and pulled out, Hordyk said - instead setting up an Ad Hoc Committee to look into current levels of policing. Now, months later, the Town of Innisfil has come back to the idea of an OPP costing.

"I'm very happy for them - I think it's going to be very good for their taxpayers," Hordyk said - but he

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BWG pursues a lone course for a costing

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The special meeting had been called to permit Council to get clarification and ask questions of the OPP, regarding the proposal for integration with the existing Nottawasaga Detachment in Alliston. The model offers savings of about \$1.76 million per year - excluding one-time start-up costs, the ongoing costs

of maintaining the existing South Division building, transition costs for disbanding the South Simcoe Police Service, and a potential pay hike, effective January 1, 2014, that would make the OPP the highest paid police service in the province.

OPP Sgt. Steve Haennel, Contract Policing Analyst, and Inspector Dirk Cockburn, commander of the Nottawasaga Detachment, led a team that answered 50 questions submitted by BWG Councillors.

OPP Staff Sgt. Cathy Bell acknowledged the stress created for members of the South Simcoe Police by the process, but explained that once requested by a municipality to provide a costing, "we're mandated to provide it. We're not in the business of sales or marketing of the OPP."

What is being proposed is a "Section 10" contract with the OPP that would provide guaranteed contractual hours - although Council could reopen the contract and ask for enhancements, for example to deal with growth.

The Town would become "Zone 6" of the Detachment, with a Staff Sgt., 4 Sergeants, 30 Constables, 5 Special Constables for Court Security, and 3 Civilians, for support and fleet co-ordination. The Town would continue to have a 5-person Police Services Board to provide oversight, and continue to receive all provincial grants for programs like R.I.D.E.

He was assured that, under the integrated model, additional officers could be dispatched from the detachment. "If there is something major going on, it's not just officers from here that are responding,"

said Inspector Cockburn. The detachment has up to 17 constables who could be available for emergency response. "We're looking at this as an integrated matter

There were also questions about the provision of "community policing" in the High Schools and elementary schools. Council was assured that the integrated model includes a full-time officer for the secondary schools, and one for the public schools - officers who would continue to deliver a wide range of programs and initiatives.

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"Our focus on crime prevention... means that

we need less resources to go out and investigate those crimes," said the Inspector. "This is about our partnerships with the community."

The officers were asked about accidents on Highway 400, and whether that would pull police away from the community and local policing.

"It may happen. It doesn't happen very often, but it does happen," admitted Cockburn, but he noted that the 400 is primarily a "Highway Safety Division" responsibility. If Detachment officers do respond, it would be for a limited time, until HSD officers arrive, he said. "We want to make sure our communities are well-served, well looked after."

The team was also asked about hiring. The South Simcoe Police Service currently has 76 uniform officers, and 43 Civilian staff in positions that range from administrative support to dispatch. The OPP would hire 30 officers for BWG, and only 8 civilians. Hiring of constables and sergeants would be through a "very fair and transparent process," said Staff Sgt. Bell; the municipality would be responsible for severance packages for those not offered employment.

Sgt. Haenel added that the numbers were "absolutely"

But an amendment presented by Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer, to have BWG participate in a joint costing process with Innisfil, received little support.

"Innisfil is our partner now... We're going to have to wait for Innisfil. I think we have to work with Innisfil, wait until they get their costs," insisted the Deputy Mayor.

Asked about the timeline, Sgt. Haennel said that it would take "a minimum of 3 months to prepare and approve" a costing for Innisfil, including a joint costing - but there are no guarantees. The proposal presented to BWG on February 11 is valid for 6 months.

Councillor Hordyk opposed a delay. "We're councillors for Bradford West Gwillimbury, we're not councillors for Bradford-Innisfil," he said.

Mayor White suggested the joint costing was a "moot point. If we decide to go OPP, and Innisfil decides to go OPP... we're going to be joint anyway, through the integrated model." He urged Council to move forward with the process, noting, "We have the opportunity to continue on our path, and control our own destiny - as Innisfil wants to control their destiny."

The background

• The South Simcoe Police Service's 2013 budget is \$16,272,831 - with Bradford paying 45.06%, and Innisfil 54.94%, based on a formula that uses population, number of households and current value assessment. BWG's share of the bill is approx.

. In 2012, concerned over the rising cost of policing, the Town of BWG decided to look into other alternatives for the provision of police services - including policing by the OPP.

• The OPP presented two options for polling in BWG - a stand-alone detachment, at a cost of \$7.092 million, or "integration" into the existing Nottawasaga Detachment, at a cost of about \$5.562 million per year. The cost estimates do not include one-time start-up costs, "transition costs" associated with the disbanding of the South Simcoe Police Service, the cost of cleaning and maintaining the South Division station, or a possible 8.5% pay hike for the OPP, to take effect on January 1, 2014. OPP Sgt. Steve Haennel declined to "speculate" on the actual impact, but said that 8.5% is a number suggested by the Auditor General, but isn't firm "until it's actually 2014 and the deal is actually signed".

The OPP is currently under a 2-year wage freeze. Base salary for an OPP Constable 1st Class is \$83,483 - the 23rd highest pay level in the province. A South Simcoe Police Constable 1st Class currently receives \$88,163.

Under an OPP contract, the South Division police station on Melbourne Drive would operate as a "satellite detachment", offering counter service from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - but with an exterior phone that would provide immediate access to an officer 24/7. The station is currently staffed from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. The Nottawasaga Detachment itself is located in Alliston. Any legal costs or litigation facing the OPP would be the responsibility of the OPP - not the municipality.



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our editorial

Policing issue heats up

South Simcoe Police, or OPP? It's not about ability. Both are excellent police services, that can deliver "effective and adequate" policing for residents within their jurisdictions.

It's all about the bottom line - the dollar cost to taxpayers. But before any decisions are made by Council, there are a number of factors that must be considered.

Council needs to know the true cost of disbanding the South Simcoe Police, if that's the decision that is made. The loss of local jobs, the severance packages that would be required, the cost of terminating leases - all would be borne solely by the Bradford West Gwillimbury taxpayer, since at this point, Innisfil has not made a decision regarding policing.

Disengagement is likely to be a lengthy and complex process, as Mayor White pointed out in the March 7 meeting; there needs to be

one year's notice of intention, to pull out of the South Simcoe policing agreement.

Council should also consider the ramifications of the model being proposed: not a stand-alone detachment for the area, but policing as a zone of the Nottawasaga OPP Detachment, which is headquartered in Alliston. BWG would become the eastern-most zone of the detachment area.

What will that mean, in terms of decision-making, and response to local situations? What about the loss of the locally-based K-9 unit, which answers an average of 250 calls per year - ranging from tracking of suspects, to finding lost children?

The March 7 special meeting of Council was described as a "question and answer" session, but there are still plenty of questions that need answers. We're not always fans of consultants, but this may be the time for Council to bring in a third party, to help with the evaluation.

Calling for a National Food Policy

In May of 2012, Canada was visited by a United Nations Rapporteur - a special representative of the Secretary-General of the UN, sent to investigate human rights issues within a member nation.

Rapporteur Olivier De Schutter arrived with a mission to focus on the Right to Food, and identified poverty as a key barrier in Canada. He estimated that 800,000 Canadian households - in particular, First Nations and Inuit - do not have reasonable access to food, a basic necessity of life.

"We have a large number of Canadians who are acceptably too poor to feed themselves decently," De Schutter said in his report, calling it a shocking situation in so wealthy a country. He called for a National Food Strategy, to address the inequities.

The report generated a sharp revolt from the Conservative government. Minister of Immigration Jason Kenney called the visit a waste of time and UN funds, and was quoted as taking the

Rapporteur to task, for giving lectures "to wealthy and developed countries like Canada."

Now, nearly a year later, Frank Valeriote - Liberal MP for Guelph, and his party's Agriculture Critic - noted that Canada is no closer to a National Food Strategy, despite the urging not only of poverty groups and the U.N., but agricultural and farm groups.

"A National Food Policy achieves multiple things," said Valeriote. "It achieves more stability in the farming sector" - as well as addressing issues of access to nutritious food.

"A policy is required, because you need a plan," Valeriote said, noting that the Conservatives "talk about an Action Plan for prosperity, but they never talk about an Action Plan for poverty elimination."

Food banks in Canada currently serve over 880,000 people each month - 40% of whom are children - "in a country as

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Display by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, at the Bradford Public Library. When Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the appointment of Dr. Andrew Bennett as the new Ambassador for the Office of Religious Freedom, reporting to the Department of Foreign Affairs, he did so at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat centre in Vaughan, February 19. "It speaks volumes of the government for doing this, but it also speaks volumes to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community," said BWG Mayor Doug White.

letters to the editor

Message to a stupid driver

To the editor: On the morning of March 6, I was on my way to work from Innisfil to Newmarket, down Yonge St. - the same route I have driven for the past 30 years. Believe me, I have seen it all - drivers sharing, putting on mascara, tweezing eyebrows, etc.

I was driving in the right-hand lane at 7:15 a.m. southbound on Yonge, when in the blink of an eye everything changed. Some idiot in a grey car decided to make a left-hand turn, from the southbound left-hand lane to turn and go Northbound, at the exit to Blue Door shelters. The driver behind the idiot slammed on his brakes; the driver behind him pulled over into my lane. I had to swerve to avoid hitting the car, and almost lost control. Thank God, it wasn't slippery! If it had been, it would have been a multi-car pile-up - no escaping it.

I hope this finds its way to the driver of the grey car - who only had to go a couple of kilometres to the next lights, to make a safe left-hand turn. The decision made by that driver was a very bad one.

The irony is that 20 years ago, the same thing happened to me at the very same spot - only then, it was illegal to make a left or right hand turn at that point. A woman decided that morning to make a left hand turn from the northbound lane, the guy behind her rear-ended her vehicle, sending it across the lane right in front of me. I hit her broadside, wrote off my car, was off work for 6 months, and my nephew, who was a passenger in the vehicle, had multiple cuts to his face and had to get major dental work.

Needless to say, a Guardian Angel was watching over all of us this past Wednesday morning. All I could think was, Oh no - not

again!

To the driver who caused this, think for a second before you do something stupid, putting innocent lives in danger.

Loretta Muehlns, Innisfil

Concerned about policing

To the editor: I find the information provided in the online article, "BWG pursues lone path for policing," quite disturbing, in regards to the input provided by our Mayor and Council.

Innisfil Town Council has taken the smart approach to the OPP costing decision. They have studied current policing and decided policing as dictated by the community, before looking at proposed OPP levels of service. This will allow them to have an apples-to-apples comparison, so to speak, and ensure the needs of the community are fully met in the best and most efficient manner.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Council, led by Mayor Doug White, have moved forward half-cooked, and seem to want to point the finger at Innisfil Council, as being uncooperative. It seems that it is actually BWG Council that is being unco-operative, at the cost of community safety and the potential financial peril of the citizens of BWG.

If Mayor White and Councilors want to do what is right for the taxpayers, then take a step back and properly evaluate the impact of any and all decisions regarding policing in our community. Inform your citizens of the full impact these decision will have. Only then will it be a transparent and sound decision, based on the needs of the community and not the views of a select few politicians.

Concerned Citizen (Name withheld at request of Author)

letters to the editor

Pothole horror on Canal Rd.

To the editor: Bradford residents are irate about the condition of Canal Rd., stretching from the 400 to Simcoe Rd. The canal project is seeing an incredible number of construction trucks using the road, and the state of the road is frankly dangerous, exposing vehicles to damage as these trucks are creating huge potholes. I barely evaded one on the other day, and had I not, my car would have undoubtedly been damaged. The Town needs to address and respond to this issue, because the roads are simply unfit.

Albert Collu, BWG

Thanks, from Loaves & Fishes

To the editor: The Loaves and Fishes Growing Project of South Simcoe had another great year in 2012. From 300 acres, we were able to raise \$240,000 through crop sales and cash donations, for the Canadian Food Grains Bank (CFGB) in Winnipeg. Good yields and excellent commodity prices helped make our 15th year a huge success.

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This completes 15 years of activity for the Loaves & Fishes Growing Project. We have sent in over \$1.83 million to the Canadian Food Grains Bank. I am very grateful that our Federal government, through CIDA, matches our donations up to \$4 for every dollar we donate.

Unfortunately, the needs persist, especially in Sub Saharan Africa, which has been the major recipient of our food aid. Every dollar raised helps those who suffer from severe food shortages caused by drought and other calamities. Presently, nearly 1 billion people remain hungry on our planet!

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The Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association meets in the Bradford Public Library Board Room on Saturday, March 23, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Brian Bane, recent inductee into the Museum on the Boyne's History Hall of Fame.

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Wed. Mar. 27/13 @ 5:30 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 2nd Floor, 425 Holland St. W.
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Mon. Mar. 18/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.
Municipal Heritage Committee
Mon. Mar. 25/13 @ 7:00 p.m., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Boardroom, 425 Holland St. W.
Traffic Services Board
Mon. Mar. 25/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Install Town Hall, 2157 Install Road Rd.
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Wed. Mar. 27/13 @ 7:00 p.m., Johnson Room, 41 Melbourne Dr.

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NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

NORTH CANAL BANK ROAD

This Notice is to inform residents and business owners that North Canal Bank Road from Highway 400 to Simcoe Road may experience lane interruptions due to the Holland Marsh Drainage System Canal Improvement Project.

Construction commenced on July 3, 2011 and will continue in the area described above until further notice.

Construction hours remain from 7am to 7pm. Through traffic may be subject to lane reductions or interruptions intermittently during these working hours.

If you require additional information call the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board at 905-778-4321. Please leave your name and phone number, with your concerns and someone will return your call promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation

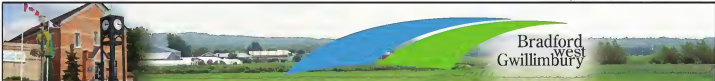


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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury passed Development Charge By-law No. 2013-29, on the 5th day of March, 2013 under section 2(1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997, S.O., 1997, c.27.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board under Section 14 of the Act, in respect of the development charge by-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury on or before the 15th day of April, 2013 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection.

By-law 2013-29 serves as an update to the water, wastewater and roads components of Development Charge By-law 2009-134. The schedule of development charges imposed by the by-law, which came into effect on March 6, 2013, is as follows:

SCHEDULE "E" By-law No. 2013-29

Service	Single-Detached Dwelling & Semi- Detached Dwelling	Residential Apartments		Other Multiples	Non- Residential (per m ² of Gross Floor Area)
		2 Bedrooms +	Bachelor & 1 Bedroom		
Municipal Wide Services:					
Roads	\$13,176	\$7,412	\$5,294	\$11,098	\$5.20
Total Municipal Wide Services	\$13,176	\$7,412	\$5,294	\$11,098	\$5.20
Urban Services:					
Water:					
Studies - All Urban Areas	47	27	19	40	0.02
Treatment & Distribution (Bradford Settlement Area)	5,575	3,698	2,642	5,538	3.73
Treatment & Distribution (Bond Head Settlement Area & BWG Strategic Settlement Employment Area)	12,478	7,019	5,014	10,510	4.88
Wastewater:					
Studies - All Urban Areas	35	19	14	30	0.03
Treatment (Bradford Settlement Area)	5,039	2,834	2,025	4,244	3.63
Treatment (Bond Head Settlement Area & BWG Strategic Settlement Employment Area)	4,007	2,254	1,610	3,375	1.22
Collection (Bradford Settlement Area)	2,235	1,257	898	1,882	1.60
Collection (Bond Head Settlement Area & BWG Strategic Settlement Employment Area)	10,612	5,969	4,263	8,939	1.45
Grand Total Rural Area	\$13,176	\$7,412	\$5,294	\$11,098	\$5.20
Grand Total Urban Area - Bradford Settlement Area	\$27,107	\$15,247	\$10,891	\$22,832	\$14.21
Grand Total Urban Area - Bond Head Settlement Area & BWG Strategic Settlement Employment Area	\$40,355	\$22,700	\$16,213	\$33,962	\$12.80

Key maps have been provided below, identifying the lands located within the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to which the Urban Services apply. No key map has been provided relative to the Roads Services as this rate within the by-law applies to all lands located within the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.



A copy of the complete by-law is available for examination at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury offices, 61 Holland Street East, Bradford, Ontario, L3Z 2A8 during regular business hours (weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) excluding statutory holidays.

DATED at the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Bradford, Ontario this 14th day of March, 2013.

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Seniors: Managing your medications

Submitted by CHATS – Community & Home Assistance to Seniors

If you are a senior, chances are, you take some sort of medication – perhaps even multiple medications. Medications are intended to treat ailments and improve quality of life, but if taken incorrectly, they can have adverse effects – even sickness and death. Consider the following:

- Nearly two-thirds of Canadians ages 65 and up are taking five or more types of prescription medication. (Canada Safety Council, 2012)
- Up to 50% of all medication is taken incorrectly. (Ontario Pharmacists' Association, 2009)
- Problems with medication account for one in seven emergency admissions of persons over the age of 65 years. (Ontario Pharmacists' Association, 2009)

Below are some tips for managing your medications safely:

- Keep a list of all the medicines you use that includes why, when and how you use them. Also include any drug allergies, the name of your doctor and the name of a contact person in case of emergencies. Bring this list with you every time you see a healthcare provider or pharmacist.
- Try to use the same pharmacy to fill all your prescriptions. Tell your pharmacist about any over-the-counter drugs, herbal medicines or vitamins you are taking. It is important for your pharmacist to have a full picture when it comes to your medication.
- Before starting a new medicine, prescription or not, check with your pharmacist to make sure that the new addition will not interfere with your existing medicines.
- Check the label of each prescription to ensure you have received the proper medication. Read the printed information that comes with your medicine and learn as much as you can about what you are taking. If you have questions, ask your pharmacist.
- When possible, keep all medication in original containers. If you wish to use a pill organizer, please ask your pharmacist for advice.
- If you have difficulty opening the cap of your medication bottle, ask your pharmacist for an easy-off lid.
- Follow instructions. This means taking your medications in the recommended dosages at the recommended times of day and for the recommended duration. Do not stop taking your medication early because you have started to feel better. Consult your healthcare professional.
- If you are a caregiver for a senior, make sure you are focused when managing medications. Distractions can cause mix-ups, which could lead to harmful consequences for the senior.
- Do not share your prescription medication with anyone and do not take another person's prescription.
- If you miss a dose, never double up on the next dose to make up for it. Call your pharmacist for guidance, as the next step will vary depending on the medication.
- Ensure medications are stored in a safe place. Keep out of the reach of children, and do not store in the bathroom or where they may be exposed to light, heat or humidity.
- If you have expired/unused pills, you are best to return them to the pharmacy for safe disposal. Also check expiry dates of non-prescription medications.

(sources: Canada Safety Council, Ontario Pharmacists' Association)

Another good source for more information is the MedsCheck program, www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/drugs/mcdscheck

Established in 1980, CHATS is a not-for-profit charitable organization that supports the health and well-being of seniors and caregivers at home and in the community. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-452-4287 or go to www.chats.on.ca.

MPP slams new "Trades Tax"



MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro signs the "Stop the Trades Tax" pledge at the Bradford ARRAY plant, surrounded by business owners and representatives of the skilled trades, March 8.

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

There's a new set of fees coming that will hit every skilled trade and their employers in Ontario, at a time when local economies are still struggling to recover from the economic downturn, say the Progressive Conservatives. The Provincial Liberals have established a new "College of Trades" - and as of April 8, 2013, will begin billing skilled trades a new annual "membership" fee for every apprentice and journeyman.

"This spring, tradespeople, employers, businesses and consumers will find life more expensive," said York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro (PC), calling the "College" little more than a new bureaucracy, and the planned fees, a job-killing "trades tax."

"The Trades Tax will be a major hit for tradespeople, and cost millions and millions of dollars. The Liberal government is calling this trades tax a 'membership fee' for the College of Trades. The reality is, they plan to use the Trades Tax to build another layer of government bureaucracy that nobody needs or wants," Munro said. "It's a job-killer, plain and simple... it will make life for all Ontarians more expensive. The only thing this bureaucracy will make, is more spending."

She was speaking at the ARRAY plant in Bradford's Reagents Industrial Park, surrounded by local business representatives and skilled tradespeople.

Ken Simpson, President of Bradford ARRAY, noted that at his plant, the cost could be high - especially if the employer pays the fees for employees and co-op students. "It's very counter-productive."

Simpson said that he had been unaware of any consultation by the province regarding the College of Trades, or the new fees. "All of us are heads down, trying to make a living," he said, crediting Munro with bringing the issue to the attention of the local business community. "It's horrific."

Letters have already started to go out to auto mechanics, and other trades for which membership in the College of Trades will be compulsory.

Munro took the opportunity to sign a "Stop the Trades Tax Pledge" opposing the new College of Trades and its fees - and encouraged everyone "to take action and go to www.stopthetradestax.ca to voice their opposition

to this dangerous tax."

The Ontario Construction Employees Coalition has estimated that the new fees will cost the skilled trades industry approximately \$84 million each year - and drive jobs and opportunities out of Ontario.

Munro noted that her party has called for a modernization of the skilled trades system, to boost job creation and increase training of skilled workers. One key step: changing the Apprenticeship ratios.

In most provinces, the ratio is one Journeyman to one or two apprentices. In Ontario, some trades require a ratio of 3 to 5 journeymen per apprentice - which severely limits the availability of placements, and ultimately skilled tradespeople.

The College of Trades, Munro said, will drive up costs and kill jobs. Her press release cited proposed annual fees as high as \$200 per year for journeymen, \$400 to \$600 per year for employers.

However, a check of the website, and a call to the College, produced a different story.

Senior Communications Officer Tristram Austin explained that the College will be funded by fees of \$60 per year for apprentices and journeyperson-candidates, and \$120 per year for journeypersons, in any of 22 "compulsory" trades. Those who belong to 135 other trades, and employers/sponsors, will have the option of joining the college - but membership will be entirely voluntary.

She agreed that the new fees represent a sharp increase - currently, journeypersons pay \$60 every 3 years to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities - but noted that "the College's membership fees are the lowest of any regulatory body in Ontario."

Those who hold multiple certificates (e.g., mechanic, millwright, tool & die) would only have to remove to pay a single membership fee.

The College, Austin said, is designed to "remove trades-sector decision-making from the government and give tradespersons a voice in decisions that affect their work and businesses."

On its website, the Ontario College of Trades calls itself the new "independent regulatory body... the first of its kind in North America," representing "a move from government-run to industry-driven skilled trades system."

Collision closes Yonge Street



Photo by Paul Novosad

At about 1:30 p.m. on March 8, South Simcoe Police responded to a 2-vehicle collision on Yonge St., near the 13th Line BWG. A southbound Dodge Calibre veered into the northbound lane, striking a tractor trailer carrying 39 tonnes of gravel. The load was not displaced, and the truck driver, a 36 year old Parry Sound male, was not injured. The driver of the Dodge, a 60 year old Fesserton man, had to be extricated by Fire & Emergency Services, from his vehicle, and was transported to hospital with minor injuries. His vehicle was demolished. The road was closed until around 6:30 p.m., while police investigated and the vehicles were removed. The driver of the Dodge faces a charge of Careless Driving.

OLG signs deal with Georgian Downs

Toronto - The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation has announced that it has reached lease agreements with all of its 14 slots facilities - including Fianboro Downs and Georgian Downs racetracks.

The OLG has provided the site holders with a Letter of Intent, which sets out the general intentions and business arrangements, subject to approvals between OLG and the site. "We have long-standing and positive relationships with our site holders and look forward to working with them in the future," said Rod Phillips, President and CEO of OLG. The Corporation hopes to finalize all of the

agreements by March 25, 2013.

The OLG continues to promote its modernization of lottery and gaming in Ontario, claiming that the steps being taken will increase the net contribution to the province by \$1.3 billion annually, while creating thousands of new jobs. But the horse-racing industry, while welcoming the agreements signed with the gaming sites, warns that the drastic loss of revenues to their sector, as spelled out in the modernization plan, will lead to the loss of tens of thousands of jobs in the industry, and potentially the collapse of Ontario's horse-breeding industry.

County's new Waste Collection model

The County of Simcoe is introducing a new level of waste collection service as of April 1, as new County-wide contracts come into effect. Changes include new collection days and times; an end to the 1-day delay in collection due to holidays (except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day); bi-weekly collection of yard waste in spring and fall; and a new call-in bulky collection, up to 5 items for \$35.

Learn the details online at simcoe.ca or at one of the scheduled public Open House sessions:
 • Tuesday, March 19 at the Innisfil Recreation Complex south lobby, 6-9 p.m.
 • Thursday, March 21 at the Bradford

West Gwillimbury Public Library & Cultural Centre's Zima Room, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford, 6 to 9 p.m.
 • Tuesday, March 26 at the Simcoe County Administration Centre, 1110 Hwy. 26 in Midhurst, 9 a.m.-noon, and 6-9 p.m.

Spring Thaw warning

Melting snow and spring rainfall can result in higher water levels, swiftly flowing streams and rivers, slippery and unstable banks, thin ice - and extremely cold water, leading to hypothermia. Keep children and pets away from waterbodies!



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IT'S COMING...

Major changes and improvements are coming to waste collection services in the County of Simcoe effective April 1, 2013 as a result of new service contracts.

To learn about these changes and improvements, visit one of these house sessions.

Date	Location	Times
Tuesday March 19	Innisfil Recreation Centre South Lobby 7315 Yonge St., Innisfil	6-9 p.m. open house
Wednesday March 20	Wasaga Beach Rec Plex Hall 1A 1724 Mosley St., Wasaga Beach	6-9 p.m. open house
Thursday March 21	Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library Zima Room 425 Holland St. West, Bradford	6-9 p.m. open house
Saturday March 23	Coldwater & District Community Centre Banquet Hall (2nd floor) 11 Michael Anne Dr., Coldwater	2-4 p.m. open house
Monday March 25	Township of Ramara Municipal Office 2297 Highway 12, Brechin	6-9 p.m. open house
Tuesday March 26	County of Simcoe Administration Centre Atrium 1110 Hwy 26, Midhurst	9 a.m.-12 p.m. open house 6-9 p.m. open house

Waste collection changes do not impact City of Barrie and City of Orillia residents

Focus on Finance

Photo at right: Royal LePage At Your Service Real Estate celebrated another year of success with a luncheon at Don Cherry's. Guest speaker Cliff Ngai - President of the Bradford Board of Trade (right), and Awards.



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Realty company celebrates success



Royal LePage At Your Service celebrated a year of success, with the presentation of awards to its Agents, at a luncheon at Don Cherry's in Bradford, Feb. 27.

Broker Stephen Rath, Broker/Owner Don Thorogood, and Broker of Record Brian Hunter made 15 presentations in all - including President's Platinum awards to realtors Roger Silveira and Stuart Clelland, for top sales and earnings.

Guest Speaker was Cliff Ngai, President of the Bradford

Board of Trade, who praised the company for its role in promoting the Town, and encouraged the sales team to continue to be passionate about their work.

"The real estate agents are the ambassadors of this Town," Ngai said. "They not only show the house you're buying, they show the community. They make this Town great."

"There's no other place in Southern Ontario that's had the opportunities," said Hunter, who founded the company 25 years ago. "It's the ideal travelling

distance, given the cost of fuel... and we've got the services. That's why the Town has grown, and the company has grown, for 25 years. The opportunities are here."

Added Thorogood, "2013 is going to be a banner year for us again... working together."

Photo below: From left, Stephen Rath, Brian Hunter, Stuart Clelland with award, Don Thorogood, and the BBT's Cliff Ngai. Royal LePage At Your Service is located at 92 Holland St. W.



Lunch & Learn: Sustainable Retirement

Bradford Lunch & Learn, with York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro, who will present "Sustainable Retirement Security - A White Paper for Small Business Owners" - Wednesday,

March 20 from noon to 1 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre's multipurpose room, 471 West Park Ave. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10 for

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AWARE Simcoe meets in Bradford

AWARE Simcoe presents a public meeting, "An Alternative Vision to Growth and Higher Taxes".

Growth is often presented as inevitable, and an economic cure, when it solves, says AWARE Simcoe - including higher taxes, damaged water quality, congestion and the loss of farmland.

On Saturday, March 23, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, a meeting at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford, will hear from Carl Cosack, NDACT Chair, on Food and Water First, and from Faisal Moola, of the David Suzuki Foundation, on the development pressures threatening 94,000 of unprotected farmland and green space surrounding the GTA.

Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, or a copy of the AWARE Simcoe Vision Document, call 905-778-9528 or see www.aaware-simcoe.ca Carpooling available.

Sugarbush Maple Fest

Despite the below normal temperatures so far this March, the annual Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festivals are now underway, at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area (Stouffville SR east of Warden Ave.), and Kortright

Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive south of Major Mackenzie. Sugaring-off, wagon rides, live entertainment, pancakes and maple syrup continue to April 7, with special events all this week at the 2 locations, for March Break.

See www.maplesyrupfest.com for details

Top reasons to finish your basement!

(NC) - Can you recognize a strategic opportunity when you see it? If so, a finished basement might be something you want to consider, says Steve Gray, a Broker with Royal LePage.

"Whether you're looking to increase the value of your home or save on energy bills, completing your unfinished basement can be a rewarding experience."

1. Energy Savings. Without full insulation, unfinished basements can be "cold air culprits." In addition to energy savings, a

benefit of a finished basement is that the homeowner has an opportunity to step up the value of the insulation, and create a warmer, drier and all-round more comfortable environment.

2. Resale value. If you're thinking about selling, a finished basement is a good feature, and may increase your home's marketability. This is especially true for buyers looking to make the most of a home's square

footage. Finished basements provide a myriad of possible uses - from guest rooms to play rooms, to home theatres.

3. Additional income. You may want to consider turning your extra space into a legal basement apartment, with a separate entrance and fire escape. While this initiative requires thorough research and a potentially significant investment, the monthly income will help you pay down your mortgage and

offset much of the initial costs of renovation. Before embarking on an income suite venture, however, be sure to research all applicable permit and zoning laws for your area.

If your basement is unused, or adding to your energy bill, it makes sense to finish it and take advantage of the extra living space. Do your research, invest wisely, hire a reputable contractor - and you may end up reaping all of the rewards that a finished basement can offer.

Garden Talks @ Bradford Public Library

The Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W., will be hosting a series of talks on Gardening, with

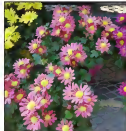
Master Gardeners.

On Thursday, March 28, the topic is "Ditch the Garden Calendar." Learn to use Mother Nature's own schedule, for pruning, planting and dealing with pests. 7 p.m.

On April 25, the subject is

"Building Bones for a New Garden." Always start with the "bones" - site assessment, trees and shrubs. 7 p.m.

On May 23, 7 p.m., the topic is "Get Planting!" Sun or shade? Annual or Perennial? Learn the basics, and ask questions. All welcome.



Spring Tree-planting

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority is looking for land-owners interested in a bulk tree seedling program. There is no minimum land size requirement, and a variety of native tree seedlings can be purchased in bulk for a great price - helping to promote a healthy environment by reforesting land. For landowners with a minimum of 2 acres (0.8 hectares), the LSRA can also provide technical assistance from qualified LSRA forestry staff.

To be part of the spring tree planting place orders for tree seedlings by **March 15, 2013**. Seedlings must be ordered in minimum quantities of 100.

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The 4th Annual Shake Your Boobies for Breast Cancer Dinner & Dance takes place at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford on Saturday, April 6, with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., DJ, prizes and fun! Shake Your Boobies is a fundraiser for Joe Manna 2, a team participating in the 60K Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Women's Cancer walk September 7-8, benefiting Princess Margaret Hospital. Tickets are \$35 each - call Alison at 905-775-2410 or Sara, 905-775-4925. Joe Manna 2 team members, from left, Sara Fresco, Paula Branca, Carol Ann Pezzolesi, Alison Domingues

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Celebrating International Women's Day



Photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times
Clockwise from above: Family - 4 generations at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford's annual celebration of International Women's Day, held on March 9th; Men served the dinner and cleared the tables at the celebration of women; Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White donned a tux and helped serve; Part of the fun was a free photo booth, and opportunity to dress up!

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford was packed, on Saturday night, March 9, with women and girls of all ages.
It was the annual celebration of International Women's Day - a women-only event that included free fun shots provided by Kate Sheehy of Kate's Photography, a gourmet dinner catered by Cabral Catering, demonstration of ballroom dancing by Ukrainian champ Sergey Kirichenko, and a fabulous fashion show, by The Pink Closet and Esther's Bridal Boutique, with make-up by Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique.

Festa Da Amizade at the PCCB

The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd., hosts **Festa Da Amizade** - Friendship Dinner and Dance on Saturday, March 23. Enjoy a dinner of Roast Pork Loin with all the trimmings, followed by dancing to the music of Santa Fé, live! Tickets are \$25 and \$15, \$12 for children under 12, for members - \$35 for adults for non-members. For tickets, contact Tina at 905-775-4291 or Jean, 905-775-4723.

Easter Bunny at the Mall

The Easter Bunny has arrived at Upper Canada Mall's Centre Court. Families can have photos taken with the Easter Bunny - and enjoy give-aways by Purdy's Chocolate and more. The Bunny will be at the Mall Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. and Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., until March 30. See uppercanadamall.com



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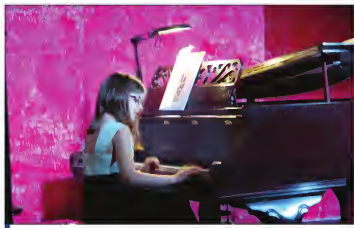
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Music in Motion



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Music in Motion Performing Arts Studio held Recitals, February 23 and 24. Talented young students of MIMPA's music and theatre programs, between the ages of 5 and 18, performed in the studio space before enthusiastic audiences. The Recitals were free, the studio was decorated on a party theme, and the atmosphere was one of fun, and family. MIMPA is located at 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway in Bradford; see mimpa.ca March 22-24, the Triple Threat competition team will be competing at Access Broadway NY.

A Call for Artists, and Directors!

Artists and Artisans are wanted, to participate in the **Annual Bradford West Gwillimbury Studio Art Tour**, Sept. 20-22 - a partnership between the Town of BWG and the South Simcoe Arts Council. The Tour features ONLY original hand-made artwork and high quality handicrafts - no kit works, ceramics from commercial molds, factory or mass-produced articles accepted. Entrance fee is \$100 - which will be returned if work is not accepted for this juried show.

Some artists will be accommodated in group exhibits, housed in municipal buildings. Artists are also free to show in their own home studios - but studios must be located within Bradford West Gwillimbury, and artists must provide proof of liability insurance (min. \$1 million). Artists are also asked to provide a brief statement or biography, and a CD containing at least 3 jpg images of their work, to be used for a brochure. Deadline for applications is March 26, 2013.

For more information or application forms, contact info@southsimcoeartscouncil.com or call 705-435-2378, or visit www.southsimcoeartscouncil.com

Cookstown's South Simcoe Theatre is looking for 6 to 8 directors, of all levels of experience, for its annual "Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings", which will take place at Cookstown's Old Towne Hall Theatre May 30 to June 2 of this year. The event presents lightly-rehearsed readings of the works by writers from Alliston, Minesing, Barrie, Oswawa, Montreal, NYC and Ohio. Whether you are an experienced director looking for a fun project, or an actor looking to try your hand at directing in a fun, low-risk format, this could be for you! Contact Christina Luck, c/o South Simcoe Theatre, 705-458-4432 or info@southsimcoetheatre.com by March 15. Auditions will be held in mid-April, with rehearsals beginning in May.

Children's Folklore Group celebrates anniversary

The 1st Anniversary of Rancho Infantil Os Marotos - the Children's Folklore Group at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford - will be celebrated on Saturday, April 13 - featuring performances by Rancho Do Arsenal Do Minho de Toronto, Os Marotos, and the band, Juven Imperio. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner - traditional Churrasco, sardines, salad and dessert - served at 7 p.m. Door prizes! Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12 for kids ages 7 to 12 for members, \$30 adults and \$15 children for non-members. To RSVP call Tina, 905-775-4291 or Luisa, 905-778-0363.



Newmarket's Psychic Expo returns

Newmarket's International Psychic Expo will be returning to the Optimist Club at 55 Forhan Drive, March 15, 16 and 17 - bringing internationally known psychics from England, Scotland, India, Russia, Canada and the U.S. to Town. Over 25 exhibitors, including mediums, Psychic Readers, Tarot and Palmistry readers, and vendors of new age books, tapes, crystals and jewellery, will be participating. Admission is \$8 - good for the entire weekend, and for all of the psychic demonstrations, including Aura and Past Life demonstrations, and Psychic Healing. There will

be hourly draws for free readings, astrology charts, and palm-readings. For more information, see www.ESPmyFuture.com

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March 15, 16, 17

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Dine with Wine!

Calling all culinary enthusiasts and oenophiles - Georgian College is offering a unique dining and wine-tasting experience, with its 2013 Chef & Wine Series at the Barrie Campus. Once a month, diners can join a regional chef, to enjoy a meal, sample wine, observe and learn new

see DINE Page 23



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Where: Bradford Library & Culture Centre
When: September 1 - Wed. May 8th
Seminar 2 - Wed. May 22
Seminar 3 - Wed. June 5
Seminar 4 - Wed. June 12

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Book Sale @ the Library

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Friends of the Library are gearing up for their annual **Spring Book Sale** - and looking for donations of "gently used" paperbacks in good condition, current fiction and non-fiction, children's books, CDs and DVDs. Please, NO moldy or damaged books, text books, Reader's Digest Condensed Books or magazines. Unwanted books can be recycled in the Blue Box!

There will be a Preview evening sale on Friday, March 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. - admission \$10 per family, to be among the first to check out the donated books. The main Book Sale is on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - free admission. At the Library, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford.

Reminder: Art with Purpose art classes for Little Ones (ages 3-5) take place Saturdays, March 16-April 20, 10 a.m.-noon. Classes for Adults and Sr's take place Fridays, March 22 to April 26, 10 a.m. - noon. Pre-register at Borrower Services.

Rotodale Nursery Open House

Rotodale Nursery School, located at 118 Barrie St. in the BWG Child and Family Services Building in Bradford, will be holding an Open House for parents with children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years of age. Friday, April 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. - drop in! For details, call Cheri at 905-775-3039 ext. 221.

Sign up for Circle of Learning

The Simcoe County District School Board's 5th annual Circle of Learning Conference takes place Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the CDSB Education Centre, 1170 Hwy. 26 in Midhurst. Register by March 18 at www.scsd.on.ca/Parents/Pages/Circle-of-Learning.aspx. The Conference is free, and includes a light lunch.

Emergency Preparedness for Kids, at the Library!



Astrid Vig-Bergsma, Fire/Emergency Management, hands out stickers at the Emergency Preparedness program for kids, March 11 at the Library. At right, a Fire Truck!

Storms, tornadoes, natural disasters, dragons? Kids may have their own ideas of what constitutes an emergency, and how to be prepared. That's why Bradford's Fire & Emergency Services partnered with the County's Emergency Management team at the Bradford Public Library, on March 11, for a very special March Break Program.

The program included survival kits that kids could put

together themselves, videos, and giveaways like Sparky Coloring books and Activity booklets, free stickers, and free Junior Fire Chief helmets.

There was even an opportunity to explore the fire truck, parked outside, and talk to the firefighters.

"This is our first time," Astrid Vig-Bergsma said of the program. "It's so important." And teaching the kids how to prepare for emergencies is a great way to get the message to their parents.

March Break at the Library continues all this week. **Clay Workshop/Ladybug Box**, for ages 6 to 12, Thurs, March 14, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Children's Program Room, \$12 per child; pre-register at Borrower Services. Create a Ladybug Box in clay, paint using food-safe paints in bright colors. The boxes will be kiln-fired, and glazed.

Drop-in Craftacular!

Free craft program for ages 5 to 12 in the Children's Program Room on Friday, March 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Create a Rain Stick, parachute man and abstract face collage! **Free Family movie - Wreck-It Ralph**. Drop in to the Zima Room of the Library, 1:30 p.m., March 15. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own snacks.



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MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meetings Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Marys of January Church basement.

167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.altean.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 658-4434. **ALANON:** **SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS:** Toast-

masters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7:30 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org. All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innishill Lions Club held a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innishill Beach Rd., Ayrshire. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1825.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, document and form assistance, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: A free hot meal and fellowship for anyone on fixed income, social assistance, struggling to make ends meet, lonely, or families trying to stretch their food budgets, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. Every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

T.O.P.S.: TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) is a weight loss support group that meets at the Lions Pool Bldg. Tuesday evenings, 6-7 p.m. No charge to drop in and see what TOPS is all about. Membership is \$32 per year and \$2 per meeting. For details call: 905-775-9018.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721

Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund-raising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Friday, from noon to 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 12:30 to 4 p.m. For info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE AT COFFEE CULTURE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets socially every Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Coffee Culture in Bradford - by the Fireplace! Excitation is the 3rd Tues. of the month, when the Circle meets at the New Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West.

SAT., MAR. 16

SPRING MARKET AT THE GRANGE HALL: First indoor garage sale of the season at the Grange Hall in Lefroy, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. New and old items, Bake Table, Lunch, at this fundraiser for Lefroy United Church. Donations for \$25 and turn your own ticket into cash. Call Edna, 705-436-2042 or Diana, 705-456-0255 for info.

HAM & SCALLOPED DINER: Enjoy Ham & Scalloped or Baked Potatoes at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 SR in Bradford, 4:30 to 7 p.m. continuous servings. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for public school-age children. Gluten-free desserts available on request. 905-775-7274.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE: Barrie Ballroom Dance Club hosts a St. Patrick's Dance at the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie, March 16 at 8 p.m. \$13 members, \$19 for guests, includes substantial light night snack. Dance until midnight. For info, call Barb at 705-726-2651 or see www.bdbc.ca

SUN., MAR. 17

IRISH SUPPER: At Church of St. Patrick's - ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, cabbage, and pie. Two sittings - 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. - with entertainment by Irish Dancers and singers from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$15, children 12 and under \$7, families \$44. Call 705-436-3763 to reserve.

MON., MAR. 18

PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE: Start of an 8-week interactive program for parents and their children ages 2-4, at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 9:30-10:30 a.m. No childcare for siblings. Please pre-register, 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

TECUMSEH & WEST GUILMBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS: 7:30 p.m. at the Tec-We-Gwi Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson, 27 and 10th Line BWG. Guest speaker is Kerri Smith, on "The Music during the War of 1812." For more info call 905-775-7144 or 905-936-4086.

TUES., MAR. 19

ASK A PROFESSIONAL: Dental Hygienist visits the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 9:30-11 a.m. Drop in for dental info and a free dental visit.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF GREATER SIMCOE COUNTY SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS Medical offices in Bradford, 448 Holland St. W., units 8:32, at 10 a.m. Family and friends caring for persons with Alzheimer's or related dementias can share challenges, successes and coping strategies, in a safe place. For info call 705-722-1066.

WEDS., MAR. 20

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren, meets 1-3 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. Childcare provided for kids ages 0-6.

THURS., MAR. 21

LEGEND OF WHERE FLOWERS COME FROM: At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, with Tina Olinman, Aboriginal Co-ordinator with the Simcoe Ontario Early Years Centre. Story, craft and circle time, drop in, 9:30 a.m.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN: For preschoolers, at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 5-6 p.m. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

NEWMARKET PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at the Newmarket Community Centre Lions Hall #4 at 200 Doug Duncan Drive in Newmarket this month, 7-9 p.m. Speaker is Simon Faulstich, founder of Essential Balance Holistic Health Services. Note new location due to temporary closure of the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place. For info call 905-830-0447.

FRI., MAR. 22

LIBRARY ON THE LOOSE: Stories, books and surprises from the Bradford Public Library, at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 10:30 a.m. Drop in!

SAT., MAR. 23

FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST: For pre-schoolers and their families, 9:30 a.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 9:30 a.m. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

BWG LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS: 2 p.m. at the Bradford Public Library & Cultural Centre Board Room, 425 Holland St. West in Bradford. Guest Speaker: Brian Baker.

TUES., MAR. 26

LIFE WITH BABY: A 10-week program for first-time parents and their new infants, ages 0-10 months. At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Parents will meet with professionals, share experiences and ideas, get solid and personalized info about baby and the topic of the week. Free, but please pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1469 Springdale Rd., Bradford
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdalecsrc.net

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy. 27 & Gore, 10 Tecumseh
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 68 east of Hwy 7
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available
905-775-2512

Trinity Anglican Church
82 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.ca

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
(9th Line & Middlebrook SFR)
905-775-7274
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Sunday School and Nursery provided.
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Bradford Alliance Church
Sunday Celebration Service 10 a.m.
Nursery/Play Group (9-11): 10 a.m.
Prayer Gathering: Sundays at 7:00 p.m.
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St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
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18 Heaton St. Barrie Head, Sunday Eucharist:
9:30am (Bilingual), 11:00am (English)
905-775-5552
info@stcatharineofalexandria.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
16025 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
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Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodin
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcsrc@ropes.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-9412
Sunday Service:
11:15 a.m.
Rev. Adrian Toms

Holy Marys of January Catholic Church
187 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2068
Masses:
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11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions:
1:12 hour before Sunday mass.

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.
905-775-7268
Services - 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
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www.bradforduc.com

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Coulbairn Hill
(NW corner of County Rd. #4 & 11th Line)
Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School with Service
259-231-3253

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-776-0282, located in the St. Clare of
Hwy #11 & Gore 89
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Prayer - Bible Study
Night Club - New - 8:00pm - 4-12 yrs

Riverbide Bible Chapel
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#05546 Fairview North of Hwy 1)
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8:30 pm - Evening Service
7:30 pm Youth - Prayer - Bible Study
Wile Club New - 8:00pm Community Centre

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Sports

BWGMHA LL results

PEEWEE LL

Bradford Local League Pee wee team #2, sponsored by Scotiabank, is currently in Round Robin play in the playoffs.

Game 1, Feb. 23, Lefroy #2 - 5, Bradford #2 Scotiabank - 0, in a tough loss.

Game 2, Feb. 25, Bradford #2 Scotiabank - 5, Schomberg #1 - 5. Scoring by Jackson Andrews, Connor Staring (unassisted), Kian Hesmondhalgh, Iyouni Murdoch - and the tying goal, scored at 9:23 in the 3rd, by Hayden Ryan assisted by Caleb Elliott. Other assists to Ryan, Murdoch (2), Elliott and Cameron Baird.

Game 3, Feb. 26, Lefroy #2 - 7, Bradford #2 Scotiabank - 3. Goals by Jackson Andrews, Connor Staring (unassisted), Kian Hesmondhalgh, Iyouni Murdoch - and the tying goal, scored at 9:23 in the 3rd, by Hayden Ryan assisted by Caleb Elliott. Other assists to Ryan, Murdoch (2), Elliott and Cameron Baird.

Game 4, March 4, Bradford #2 Scotiabank - 5, Schomberg #1 - 0. Super effort, with 2 goals by Cameron Baird, singles by Jackson Andrews (unassisted), Hunter Weiler, and Jack Rawding (unassisted). Helpers to Andrews (2) and Quintin Lavigne. Shutout earned by Matthew Moran. Great end to the season - and reason to be proud.

BANTAM LL

Bradford Bantam #1 will face off against Lefroy in the Championship Final, starting this Sunday, March 17.

BWGMHA Rep results

Three teams are still in the York-Simcoe Playdowns. Bradford Minor Atoms are in the Semi-Finals vs. Markham; Markham leads the series 2-0.

Bradford Minor Peewees are in the Semi-Finals vs. Orillia; Orillia leads in points after 2 games.

Minor Midgets are in the Quarterfinal vs. Orillia - tied

Rattlers on a roll!

The GMHL Playoffs continue.

The new Bradford Blues Jr. A team defeated Thornhill to advance to the quarterfinals - where they were ousted by Orangeville, in 4 close games

- taking one 4-3 win from the seasoned veterans.

Orangeville went on to meet the Rattlers, in a GMHL Semi-Final.

The Bradford Rattlers Jr. A squad have extended their winning streak, sweeping the Bobcaygeon Bucs in the playoff

Quarterfinals, outscoring their opponents 43-1.

The Rattlers racked up 13-0, 12-0 and 16-1 wins

- remaining undefeated.

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Fundraising Walks, Runs and Relays

The Nature's Emporium Run or Walk for Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation

(formerly the Hartwell Challenge) will be taking place on Sunday, April 28 at the Aurora Community Centre. There will be 10K, 5K and new 2.5K events, and a Kids' Mini Mile. Families, dogs, scrollers, walkers are welcome to collect pledges, run or walk, and win prizes. See www.runforsouthlake.ca to register, and raise pledges online. A challenge is being issued to all residents within Southlake's catchment, to create a team and

participate - and to the Mayors of Aurora, BWG, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King Twp, Newmarket and Whitchurch-Stouffville to Run or Walk for Southlake.

The annual Relay for Life for the Canadian Cancer Society takes place in Aurora, June 7-8 at Magna International, and in Newmarket event, June 21-22 at Pickering College, 16945 Bayview Avenue. Join the fight, at lightbulb.ca and sign up for the Relay at relayforlife.ca or call 905-830-0447 ext. 3633.

CarrotFest... Simply the best!

Bradford's Carrot Fest has done it again.

For the 3rd year in a row, the festival has been named one of the Top 100 events by Festival and Events Ontario. Over 5,000 people vie for the recognition each year.

BWG Leisure Events & Marketing Programmer Joe Lotto represented the Town at the annual Festival and Events Ontario Conference, where the announcement was made.

CarrotFest was also a finalist in both the "Best Poster" Category, and the "Best Program Guide" Category, for events with a budget under \$100,000.

"This recognition again of CarrotFest is due to the outstanding contribution of many community volunteers," said Lotto. "The event has grown and evolved over the years into a destination festival that is truly on the province's event calendar."

CarrotFest 2013 will take place Saturday, August 17 - and staff are now accepting vendor applications for the street market. For information see www.carrotfest.ca



HOUSE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Bradford Soccer Club offers House League Programs for all ages and playing abilities. Come play and learn the beautiful game while having fun with friends.

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2013 REGISTRATION DATE

Wednesday March 27th

6:00pm - 9:00pm



Registration takes place at the Leisure Centre in the Multi-Purpose room

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Registration dates for birth years 1993-2008

Registration fees \$100-\$150

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March Break Fun!

Snakes? Tarantulas? Upper Canada Mall welcomes Zoo to You's interactive displays to the Mall in Newmarket during March Break, March 11-16. See exotic live animals up close, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, on the upper level close to the Play Park. Free!

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, presents free **Museum Mayhem**, March 14-18. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. Note: This is not a daycare, and there are no lunchroom facilities. For info call 905-953-5314, email dmanmuseum@rogers.com or see www.newmarket.ca

The BWG Leisure Centre offers March Break Day Camp fun March 15, for ages 6 to 12 - Active time, Dance workshop with Elite Dance Corps, and a Cartooning workshop with Sean William Dawson, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$34 for residents, \$39.10 for non-residents - with before-and-after camp childcare available for an additional fee. Pre-register, www.leisurecentre.ca

Bradford Mom 2 Mom Sale

The Bradford Mom 2 Mom Sale is an event that brings the community together. Families whose children have outgrown clothes, toys, books and other child-related items, come out and sell their items to other families at excellent prices - providing an exchange that benefits everyone! New items also welcomed. The proceeds from vendor space rentals and modest entrance fees will go to the Breakfast Program at St. Jean de Brebeuf School.

The Spring Mom 2 Mom Sale will take place on Saturday, May 4 at the Bradford Community Centre. Vendors wanted - please see www.bradfordmom2mom.com for information, and follow Bradford Mom 2 Mom Sale on Facebook.

Spring Fling Bazaar!

Bradford Valley Specialty Care Long Term Care Centre is hosting a Residents' Spring Fling Bazaar on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors wanted! Please call Rebecca Larter at 905-952-2274 to book a spot. Rental is \$20 for a table - only \$10 if you bring your own table! All proceeds will go to supporting residents' spring activities at Bradford Valley. Also wanted: Shoppers on April 6 - admission is free!

Spring Equinox

There still may be snow on the ground, but Spring is definitely coming. The first official day of spring is Wednesday, March 20. That's the Equinox - the day when hours of daylight equal hours of darkness!

Winter Carnival at Holy Trinity HS



One day, 16 events - Holy Trinity High School celebrated its Winter Carnival on Friday, March 8, and even though it was the last day of school before March Break, most students attended, demonstrating school and team spirit.

Events included tug-o-war and broomball outside, and a hilarious obstacle race in the snow. Indoors, activities like Gladiator Challenge, cup stacking, and a Limbo competition challenged students, who were competing for points, and the chance to win pizza.

As an added treat, Hospitality and culinary classes prepared beaver tails and hot chocolate for the teams of students, as they completed their challenges.

Carnival was organized by teaching staff with the assistance of the Athletic Council. This was the first year that all of the events had been condensed into a single day. In previous years, the high school held a week-long series of activities, culminating in a costume parade and assembly.

This was new and, said a delighted Principal Heinrich Bebie, a great success.

Photos: At left, jumping the hurdle in an outdoor Obstacle Race challenge, March 8. Below left: Broomball action was fierce. Below right: Incredibly limbo, doing the Limbo. The rules were strict. No twisting sideways, no turning the head at the last minute, no hitting the bar.

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Rattlers continue to roll

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They are now in a Semi-Final series vs. Orangeville, and so far lead the series 2 games to 0, after 7-1 and 7-0 wins. The next, and possibly final game takes place this Friday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. at the new BWG Leisure Centre. See gmhl.net

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Calling for a National Food Policy

FOOD, from Page 4
prosperous as Canada."

Valeriot called for improvements to Employment Insurance and working income tax benefits, a national breakfast program for children, and a strategy to capture "wasted" food - including reducing on-farm losses, and finding a use for off-standard produce. "I think about how much food is really available, if you make the effort to capture it."

A National Food Strategy should also look at better access to food supplies, for northern and remote communities. Valeriot suggested that there are simple solutions, such as investing in "community freezers" in northern communities, that could provide a secure source of reasonably-priced food - and giving farmers a tax credit, for their donations of surplus produce.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture

has called for a National Food Strategy, as have other Agricultural organizations, and a Simcoe County Food Charter was recently released, providing a voluntary policy framework.

But the Conservative government has refused to support the concept on the national level "because they feel that, with a strategy, it will compel them to spend money," Valeriot said. "When there's such a gap (as) exists today, it has to start at the grassroots. If you want it, do it yourself - don't expect government to help you."

Neither the report of the UN Rapporteur nor Minister Kenney's response were a surprise to Valeriot. "Conservatives dismiss anyone who attempts to inform their government. What I'm sorry about is how dismissive this government is about any comments that attempt to help."

See and Be Seen!

South Simcoe Police are urging pedestrians and cyclists to "Be Seen at Night" - especially now that warmer weather is here.

There has been an increase in collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists, across the province - and dark rural roads pose a challenge for motorists and pedestrians alike. On average, 100 pedestrians are killed each year on Ontario roads.

"Wearing bright, reflective clothing and walking facing traffic are two strategies that can increase safety," said Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson.

Cyclists are required to have a light on the front of the bicycle, and reflectors on the rear.

Reflectors on bikes and reflective clothing can ensure that cyclists and pedestrians are seen at night - and

drivers are reminded to watch for other users of the roadways, especially as the warm weather arrives.

"Be aware of your surroundings. It only takes a moment for tragedy to happen," says PC Paul Catling.

Impaired in Innisfil

A 59 year old Innisfil man is facing charges of Impaired Driving and Over 0.08 after he hit a large road sign, and dragged it for a km. On March 13, at about 1:55 a.m., South Simcoe Police officers observed a van with a road sign wedged beneath it, travelling down Innisfil Beach Road, in a shower of sparks.

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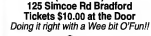
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Deaths

LISK, Ronald Stewart - Peacefully at his home, Beeton on Thursday, February 14th, 2013, Ron Lisk at 81 years of age. Beloved husband of Mary (Williams). Loving father of Ron (Harvey) Cook, Robert (Nancy-Jean) and Howard. Sadly missed by his grandchildren, Scott, Becky and Bobbie Lisk. Dear brother of Kenneth (Helen) and the late Norma. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1686 Tolarham Rd., Tolarham 905-938-3477 on Sunday, February 17th, 2013 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service was held in the chapel 11 a.m., Monday, February 18th, 2013. Interment to follow in the spring in Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. Donations in Ron's memory to Trinity United Church, PO Box 44, Beeton LK 1A0 would be appreciated by the family. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com

Card of thanks

LISK - The Lisk family would like to thank all of those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, cards and donations given in memory of Ron. Also to family, friends and neighbours who sent food to our home. Especially like to thank Marion and Paul Kolb for the delicious meal prepared for the family during visitation. Sincere thanks to Dr. Susan Kuzmyk for her compassionate care during Ron's final hours. Kent Ward for his support and conducting the service. Our gratitude to Rod Abrams Funeral Home staff for their guidance and kindness at this difficult time.

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Poster contest kicks off Anti-Bullying campaign

South Simcoe Police partnered with both the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, and Simcoe County District School Board, to launch an Anti-Bullying Poster Contest in the high schools.

Students were asked to create an original hand-drawn or computer-generated design, showing the impact of bullying, and making it clear that bullying won't be tolerated in local schools.

"Bullying is a major concern for all of us," noted South Simcoe Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson. "It can absolutely make the daily experience of school extremely miserable, and even frightening, for students. The idea behind this anti-bullying poster contest is to get the young people in our high schools thinking about solutions, and to give them ways to be involved in finding solutions, working with the community."

Close to 100 entries were received in all, from Holy Trinity High School and Bradford District High School in Bradford West Gwillimbury, and Nantyr Shores Secondary in Innisfil - with great prizes donated by community partners, Paul Sadlon Motors, Wild Wing (Barrie South),

Foodland in Cookstown, and South Simcoe Police.

The designer of the winning poster at each school received 4 club seats to a Toronto Raptors Game at the Air Canada Centre. Second place winners received gift cards to the cinema; 3rd place - gift certificates from Wild Wing restaurant.

Winning posters will be professionally printed, and distributed in the schools as part of an anti-bullying awareness campaign. "This is an important effort by the community to promote anti-bullying awareness among students,"

said Constable Rob Enright, community service officer at the high schools. "These kids know that bullying is everywhere, and they want to help make it stop."

Congratulations to first place winners Wendy Zhao at Holy Trinity HS, Samantha Harris at BDHS, and Taylor Simpson at Nantyr Shores Secondary.

Photo, from right, Constable Rob Enright - Community Service Officer, Holy Trinity HS winners Wendy (1st), Alessandra (2nd) & Monica (3rd), principal Heinrich Bebe.



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Town & Country Living Show

The Bradford Board of Trade is hosting a Town & Country Living Show on Saturday, April 13, at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre. Booths are only \$150 for BBT members, \$250 for non-members. For more information on this premiere business opportunity, contact the Board at www.bradfordboardoftrade.com or 905-778-8727. But hurry - prime booths are going fast! Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Puttin' on the Ritz Business Gala

Puttin' on the Ritz! The Bradford Board of Trade Awards Dinner will be taking place on Wednesday, April 24, at Silver Lakes Golf & Conference Centre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. Featuring special guests Miss World Canada 2010 Denise Garrido, Baseball Mike Kilkenny, and Bradford singer/songwriter Ashley Martinez. For tickets or information call 905-778-8727 or www.bradfordboardoftrade.com

Business Before Hours Networking

Networking Breakfast at the Sunset Grill, 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Tues., March 26, 487 Holland St. West. Free - just pay for your breakfast! Complementary tea and coffee will be served. Please pre-register at www.bradfordboardoftrade.com

BradfordWORKS Business Seminars

Bradford WORKS, located at 95 Holland St. West, hosts a free seminar for the owners of New or Expanding Businesses - Thursday, March 28 at 2 p.m. Organized in conjunction with the Office of Economic Development, Free, but please pre-register at 905-775-5366 ext. 2235 or www.bradfordboardoftrade.com

National Service Dogs Easter Egg Hunt

National Service Dogs' Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs will take place on Good Friday, March 29 - raising money to help provide trained Autism Service dogs for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Once again, the Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs will take place in Barrie, at Sunnside Park - as well as other communities across Ontario.

Cost to register is \$25 per family (including dogs) for this outdoor Egg Hunt that will give away hundreds of prizes, and doggie treats.

This year's goal is \$110,000. Help enrich the quality of life for children and individuals living with autism and special needs. Register online at www.nsdo.ca or call 519-623-4188 ext. 10. Sponsors are also wanted.

Daffodil Days, for Canadian Cancer Society

Daffodils are not only a sign of spring. They are a sign of hope - especially for those fighting cancer.

The daffodil is the symbol of the Canadian Cancer Society, which is now looking for volunteers for its door-to-door campaign in April - and purchasers for its fresh daffodils. Orders are now being taken for the flowers - \$7 a bunch, or 2 bunches for \$12. The flowers will be delivered between April 3 and 7 - Daffodil Days, when volunteers will also be selling Daffs at various retail outlets around town.

This year, the Holland River Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is also launching a penny campaign. Call, and volunteers will pick up penny donations when they deliver the daffodils to local offices. Pennies will be put to good use, fighting cancer and providing programs for patients.

Other fundraising ideas: consider holding fundraising picnics and BBQ lunches, used book sales, Dress Down Days, Garage Sales, head shaves - anything to support the fight.

For more information, contact Heather Mallett, 905-830-0447 ext. 3832 or hmallett@ontario.cancer.ca

Wine & Dine at Georgian

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cooking techniques, and take home recipes. **Friday, March 22** - Chef Derek Mayes (Grape and Olive) / Top of the Cove.)

April 26 - Andre Sanchez (Ciboulette et Cie.)

May 6 - Greg Benner (Painter's Hall Bistro)

June 14 - Vince Galati (Local Foods Mart)

Enjoy a cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine at 7 p.m., followed by a four or five course meal, paired with a complementary wine. In the Georgian Dining Room, Hospitality and Tourism Building. Cost is \$79.95 (plus tax and 15% gratuity) per meal. See www.georgiancollege.ca/gdr and select Chef and Wine series; click on "Purchase Tickets" For more information, call 705-722-5142.

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\$10,999 or \$87/BWEEKLY



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